

**Introduced by Senator Calderon**

February 22, 2008

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An act to add Section 650.03 to the Business and Professions Code, relating to physicians and surgeons.

**LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST**

SB 1579, as introduced, Calderon. Physicians and surgeons: referrals.

Existing law, with certain exceptions, prohibits the offer, delivery, receipt, or acceptance by any healing arts licensee regulated by the Business and Professions Code or under the Chiropractic Initiative Act, of any rebate, refund, commission, preference, patronage dividend, discount, or other consideration, as compensation or an inducement for referring patients, clients, or customers to any person.

This bill would provide that it is not unlawful for a physician and surgeon to provide consideration for a referral.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 650.03 is added to the Business and
- 2 Professions Code, to read:
- 3 650.03. Notwithstanding Section 650, or any other provision
- 4 of law, it shall not be unlawful for a physician and surgeon licensed
- 5 under this division to provide consideration for a referral.

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